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PARIS EYES ONLY FOR AMBASSADOR STOESSEL

E.O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: PARM, TECH, IAEA, UR, US

SUBJ: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS

REF: STATE 26937

1. WE TRANSMITTED TO TIMERBAYEV U.S. VIEW THAT REFERENCE TO NPT SHOULD BE DELETED. HE SAID THAT SOVIETS COULD NOT ACCEPT DELETION WITHOUT PARALLEL DELETION OF REFERENCE TO TTBT. HE SAID THAT IF U.S. INSISTED ON SINGLE TTBT REFERENCE, IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO ISSUE SEPARATE PRESS STATEMENTS. TIMERBAYEV ONCE AGAIN SUGGESTED JOINT STATEMENT WITH DELETION OF ENTIRE SENTENCE. WE SAID WE THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE AGREEABLE AND WOULD LET HIM KNOW FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7.

2. NEW TEXT WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS: "ON FEBRUARY 10, 1975, THE U.S. AND USSR DELEGATIONS RESUMED NEGOTIATIONS IN MOSCOW ON QUESTIONS RELATED TO UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. IN THE COURSE OF THE U.S.-SOVIET MEETING IN VLADIVOSTOK, IT WAS AGREED TO CONTINUE AN ACTIVE SEARCH FOR A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION OF THESE QUESTIONS. THE HEAD OF THE U.S. DELEGATION IS WALTER J. STOESSEL, JR., AMBASSADOR TO THE

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SOVIET UNION. THE HEAD OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION IS

I.G. MOROKHOV, FIRST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, STATE COMMITTEE
FOR THE UTILIZATION OF ATOMIC ENERGY."

3. IN THE SECOND SENTENCE, THE PHRASE "AS IS KNOWN"
WAS DELETED AT OUR SUGGESTION AS A RUSSIANISM WHICH
SOUNDS AWKAWARD IN ENGLISH. THE PHRASE "RELATED
TO UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS FOR PEACEFUL
PURPOSES" WAS DELETED AT TIMERBAYEV'S SUGGESTION AS
REDUNDANT. HE IS PREPARED TO LEAVE IT IN IF WE
INSIST; EMBASSY VIEW IS THAT THE POINT IS ADEQUATELY
COVERED IN THE FIRST SENTENCE.

4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL OF TEXT AS QUOTED
IN PARA 2.

5. WE REITERATED TO TIMERBAYEV PER PARA 3 OF REFTTEL
THAT U.S. VIEW REMAINS THAT PRIMARY PURPOSE OF TTBT/PNE
NEGOTIATIONS IS ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AGREEMENT TO IMPLEMENT
TTBT ARTICLE III. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS WAS
U.S. POSITION AND ADDED THAT IT IS SOVIET POSITION AS
WELL. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT LAST SEPTEMBER, BEFORE
TALKS STARTED, U.S. CONNECTED THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH NPT
ARTICLE V AS WELL AS WITH TTBT ARTICLE III. (REFERENCE
IS PRESUMABLY TO U.S. UNDERSTANDING CONVEYED TO SOVIETS
IN WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW. SEE STATE 209738 AND MOSCOW
14431.)

6. WE AGREED TENTATIVELY WITH TIMERBAYEV THAT PRESS
STATEMENT COULD BE RELEASED SIMULTANEOUSLY IN WASHINGTON
AND MOSCOW ON FEBRUARY 10 AT 12 NOON WASHINGTON
TIME. OUR THOUGHT WAS THAT RELEASE COULD BE MADE AT
DEPARTMENT'S PRESS BRIEFING. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S
APPROVAL OF RELEASE TIME.

7. TIMERBAYEV EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT SOVIET HAVE
APPARENTLY NOT RECEIVED VISA REQUESTS FOR HECKROTTE,
WILSON AND TEWEY. PLEASE CONFIRM THAT THEIR VISAS
ARE IN ORDER.

8. EMBASSY HAS STILL NOT RECEIVED ARRIVAL TIMES FOR
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FROSCHE AND TEWEY. PLEASE ADVISE.
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